Removal of Judges on the ground of misbehaviour and incapacity

2610. DR. P. C. ALEXANDER: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider suitable amendment to the Constitution for the removal of Judges of the higher judiciary on grounds of proved misbehaviour or incapacity in view of the failure of the existing provisions of the Constitution for this purpose; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider including in these amendments a provision for placing under suspension the Judge against whom *prima facie* case has been made out, pending final decision?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): (a) and (b) No Sir. The Government is striving for a consensus for setting up a National Judicial Commission, which would recommend Judicial appointments in the Supreme Court and the High Courts as also draw up a Code of Ethics for Judges.

Failure of FTCs due to shortage of Judges

†2611. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Fast Track Courts were constituted and aims thereof;

(b) the number of cases pending in such courts, at present;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to shortage of Judges, these courts have failed in their objectives;

(d) if so, the extent of shortage of Judges and by when this shortage is going to be removed; and

(e) the amount sanctioned for these courts and the names of the States which have shown interest in this direction State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): (a) Fast Track Court Scheme was launched on the basis of the recommendations made by the Eleventh Finance Commission which were accepted by the Union Government on the 26th July, 2000.

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